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INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

In accordance with the duty of disclosure under 37 C.F.R. §1.56 and §§1.97-1.98, and more particularly in accordance with 37 C.F.R. §1.97(c), Applicants hereby cite the following reference(s):

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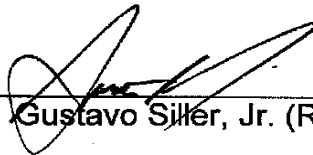
Applicants are enclosing Form PTO-1449 (one sheet), along with a copy of each listed reference for which a copy is required under 37 C.F.R. §1.98(a)(2). As each of the listed references is in English, no further commentary is believed to be necessary, 37 C.F.R §1.98(a)(3). Also enclosed is a copy of a notice dated October 26, 2005 for corresponding Japanese Patent Application 3710081. Applicants respectfully request the Examiner's consideration of the above reference(s) and entry thereof into the record of this application.

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Respectfully submitted,

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